

NO.

11017

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

CURTIS RAY WATSON

Indictment for

FIRST DEGREE MURDER (PREMEDITATION)
 FIRST DEGREE MURDER: "FELONY MURDER"
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 ESPECIALLY AGGRAVATED BURGLARY
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 AGGRAVATED RAPE: FORCE AND WEAPON
 AGGRAVATED RAPE: BODILY INJURY
 AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING
 FELONY ESCAPE
 THEFT OF PROPERTY - \$10,000-\$60,000
 BURGLARY: BUILDING
 THEFT OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$1,000
 AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL TRESPASS
 THEFT OF PROPERTY LESS THAN \$1,000

Witnesses sworn before the Grand Jury to give evidence on the indictment:

CPR

A TRUE BILL

Dominic King
Foreman of the Grand Jury

2/8/2020
Date

WITNESSES

Summon for the State by order of
Mark E. Davidson, District Attorney General

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SA Chuck Baker, TBI
SA Kim Covington, TBI
SA Matt Pugh, TBI
SA Joseph Hudgins, TBI
SA Nat Moore, TBI
SA Justin Tubbs, TBI
SA Mike Parson, TBI
Sam Strickland, TBI
Dennis Drumwright, Tennessee Highway Patrol
Jessica Reed Watson
Warden Johathon Lebo, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Barry Collier, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
David Shelton, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Patrick Hankins, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Verble Keith Cannon, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Kenneth Edwards, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Jimmy Wayne Edwards, Jr., West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Austin Jones, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Leslie Gillon, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Shannon Murphy, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Bobby Bucy, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Ashley Bird, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Benjamin Eastep, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Mike Weaver, 7250 Sweet Lips Rd, Enville, TN
Jonathan Blake, 3085 Sand Mountain Rd, Enville, TN
Ricky Thacker, 371 State Route, 420 Humboldt, TN
Betty Vowell, 276 McBroom Rd.
Lisa Hutchins, 276 McBroom Rd.
Lori Green, 1500 Hwy, 371 Henning, TN 38041
David Green, 1500 Hwy 371 Henning, TN 38041
Harvey Taylor, 503 Graves Ave, Henning, TN
Custodian of Records, 911, for calls on 8/11/19 from 503 Graves Ave; 8/11/19 from
Caroline Ave; 8/7/19 homicide on Deborah Johnson
Micah Middlebrook, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Steve Sanders, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Clay Newman, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Kevin Cates, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Tim Coss, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Jay Walding, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Marilyn Johnson, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Willard Lane, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Tim Medford, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Amy Caldwell, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
James Jones, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
David Owen, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Kenneth Hankins, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.

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Dasean Adams, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Justin Jones, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Rick Berry, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Richard Buntin, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Bobby Wenzler, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Ricky Despain, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Dennis Hardee Jr, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Tommie Simpson, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
John Smith, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Dept.
Adam Haynes, Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority
Albert Matthew, TDOC Inmate #94777
Woodrow Duncan, TDOC Inmate #530391
Zackery West, TDOC Inmate #501613
Dustin Conrad, TDOC Inmate #404462
Robert Walden TDOC Inmate #360681
Crystal Hurdle, 642 Caroline Ave,
Trinity Minter, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Tawanika McKinney, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Stanley Dickerson, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
John Baucom, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Thomas Shell, West Tennessee State Penitentiary Henning, TN
Stuart McLemore, West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TN
Jasmine Shorter, Shelby County Medical Examiners Office
William Sago, Pathologist, Shelby County Medical Examiner
SA Jordan Ragon, TBI Memphis, Lab #193003985, Fax #901-372-5963
Custodian of Records, Garcia Labs
SA Bethany McBride, TBI Crime Lab, Memphis, TN, Lab #19303985, Fax #901-372-5963
Miranda Gaddes, TBI Lab, Nashville, TN, Lab #193003985, Fax #615-744-4668

SA Chuck Baker, Prosecutor

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY

FEBRUARY TERM 2020

THE GRAND JURORS of Lauderdale County, Tennessee, duly empaneled and sworn, upon their oath, present that **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, on or about August 07, 2019, in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully, feloniously, intentionally and with premeditation kill Debra Johnson, in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-202, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 2

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and recklessly kill Debra Johnson during the perpetration of burglary, in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-202, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 3

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and recklessly kill Debra Johnson during the perpetration of rape, in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-202, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 4

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and recklessly kill Debra Johnson during the perpetration of kidnapping, in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-202, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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COUNT 5

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and without the effective consent of Debra Johnson, the owner of the habitation, enter the habitation, which was not open to the public, with intent to commit rape and did cause serious bodily injury to Debra Johnson, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-404, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 6

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and without the effective consent of Debra Johnson, the owner of the habitation, enter the habitation, which was not open to the public, with intent to commit assault and did cause serious bodily injury to Debra Johnson, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-404, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 7

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and forcibly, while armed with a weapon, to-wit: box cutter, sexually penetrate Debra Johnson, in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-502(a)(1), against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 8

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly sexually penetrate and cause bodily injury to Debra Johnson, in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-502(a)(2), against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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COUNT 9

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly confine Debra Johnson so as to interfere substantially with Debra Johnson's liberty, and Debra Johnson suffered bodily injury, in violation of T.C.A. 39-13-304(a)(4), against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 10

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly escape from West Tennessee State Penitentiary, a penal institution, located in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, having been lawfully held there due to a conviction for Especially Aggravated Kidnapping, in Henry County, Docket #15180, a felony, in violation of T.C.A. 39-16-605, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 11

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 07, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly obtain property to-wit: 2015 New Holland Work Master 70 tractor, a more particular description thereof being to the Grand Jurors unknown, valued at ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but less than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), of West Tennessee State Penitentiary without its effective consent, with the intent to deprive said West Tennessee State Penitentiary thereof, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-103, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 12

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between August 07, 2019 and August 11, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and without the effective consent of David and Lori Green, the owner of the storage trailer, enter a building other than a

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habitation which was not open to the public with the intent to commit theft, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-402, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 13

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between August 07, 2019 and August 11, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully and knowingly exercise control over property to-wit: camouflage jacket, camouflage pants and belt, black backpack, black Under Armour cold gear pants, binoculars, 2 knives, compass, scent away and folding tree saw, a more particular description thereof being to the Grand Jurors unknown, valued at one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less, of David and Lori Green without their effective consent, with the intent to deprive said David and Lori Green thereof, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-103, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

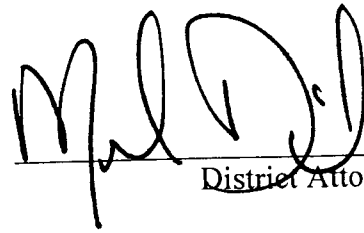
COUNT 14

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 11, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully enter the property of Harvey Taylor knowing at the time that he, the said Curtis Ray Watson, did not have the effective consent of the said Henry Taylor to do so, with the knowledge on the part of the said Curtis Ray Watson that his presence will cause fear for the safety of Harvey Taylor and his family, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-406, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

COUNT 15

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County on or about August 11, 2019, before the finding of this indictment, the said **CURTIS RAY WATSON**, did unlawfully and knowingly exercise control over property to-wit: food, a more particular description thereof being to the Grand Jurors unknown, valued at one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less, of Harvey Taylor without his effective consent, with the intent to deprive said Harvey Taylor thereof, in violation of T.C.A. 39-14-103, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, cursive letters that appear to be 'M. D.' followed by a flourish.

District Attorney General